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State of Utah Ready to Assist Haiti Relief Effort if Necessary

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert has offered the State's assistance, if necessary, with the relief effort in Haiti. Several state agencies and other organizations are coordinating plans to support any potential request at the direction of Governor Herbert.

Utahns have responded to the Haiti relief effort as they do in any crisis – ready and willing to help.

"I'm truly grateful to the citizens of Utah for their tremendous service and generosity to the Haiti relief effort," said Governor Gary Herbert. "Utah is ready and prepared to help if the call comes."

State officials are regularly communicating with their federal and international partners to ensure proper coordination should Utah be asked to assist in any way.

The State has no indication that any children from Haiti are coming to Utah at this time. The State is simply in the discussion stage on this issue. Should the situation change, and we can confirm Haitian children will be coming to Utah for support and assistance, we will disseminate the information as soon as possible.

Due to the collaborative efforts required to provide such support it is requested that **all media inquiries be directed to Brian Hyer, 801-541-8145.**

For more information on how to help the Haiti relief effort, please visit the White House website: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/haitiearthquake>

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